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| [Agenda - March 17, 2015](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1882/Stories/agenda-march-17-2015) *Posted by Robert G. Nath on Mar 12, 2015*  |
| **12 Noon - Call to Order****12:20 pm - Program Begins**Welcome Guests and Visiting Rotarians - Sergeant At Arms**12:40 pm - Speaker****1:15 pm - Adjournment** |
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| [Announcements - March 10, 2015](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1882/Stories/announcements-march-10-2015) *Posted by Eva Sereghy on Mar 12, 2015*  |
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| **Patrick Smaldore** encouraged attendance at the McLean Citizens Association meeting on March 11 on Fairfax County’s proposed FY 2016 Budget.**Bob Jansen** announced now is the time to consider submitting proposals for spring service projects. He will also be in need of volunteers for McLean Day on May 16.**Paul Sawtell** reminded members of the St. Paddy’s Day dinner at The Old Brogue on March 18.**John McEvilly** presented a check of $2000 to Indego Africa, a project championed by Michael Arietti.  **Karen Yelick**, Indego Africa’s CEO, accepted the award and thanked the McLean Rotary Foundation for its support.**Michael Arietti** encouraged members to come to the District Conference March 26-29 in Cambridge, MD. |

 **Bob Rosenbaum** took orders for American Legion’s last fruit sale of the season. |
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| [Happy Talk - March 10, 2015](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1882/Stories/happy-talk-march-10-2015) *Posted by Eva Sereghy on Mar 12, 2015*  |
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| **Dana Sippel’s** daughter returned from summer in Australia in time for our winter snowstorm.**Dale Lazar** enjoyed teaching and skiing at Whistler. He returned for an exciting Caps hockey game and thanked Vance Zavela for organizing the Rotary contingent.**Cecilia Ford** was mandatorily happy and enjoyed her two weeks in Scottsdale, AZ.**Vance Zavela** was pleased that his daughter Diana won a second place award in astronomy at the Science Olympics, where the TJ team outdid the competition.**Richard Golden** used hard currency (not his usual coins) for happy talk. He quipped that a gull flying over the sea is a sea gull; a gull over a bay is a “bay gull.”**Carol Stone’s** nephew, a member of the President’s Marine Corps Band, has won a slot as first trumpeter with the St. Louis Symphony. Carol looks forward to attending the upcoming American String Teachers Association conference in Salt Lake City. She also enjoyed the Caps game.**Tom Mangan** attended a long-awaited family reunion in Frederick, MD.**Bob Hahne** enjoyed vacation in Hawaii and now looks forward to Cardinals spring training in Jupiter, FL.**Michael DeRose** recommends reading Laura Hillenbrand’s remarkable book, Unbroken, which he received at the holiday gift exchange.  He thanked **John McEvilly, Ed Holman, Todd Dempsey, and George Sach**s for donating blood. |

 **Bob Rosenbaum** was happy that **Dale Lazar and Bob Hahne** were not at the meeting last week, giving him the opportunity to win the big pot. |
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| [Program - March 10, 2015](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1882/Stories/program-march-10-2015) *Posted by Eva Sereghy on Mar 12, 2015*  |
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| **Michael Arietti** introduced **Karen Yelick**, Chief Executive Officer of Indego Africa, a nonprofit charity and social enterprise in Rwanda. Indego Africa supports women in Rwanda through economic empowerment and education. Michael Arrieti, former U.S. Ambassador to Rwanda, serves on the Board of Advisers to this organization. He noted that Indego Africa is devoted to helping women overcome the many challenges they face in rebuilding their lives in a country devastated by genocide in 1994.Ms. Yelick showed a video that highlighted Indego Africa’s programs and social impact. The organization creates opportunities for Rwandan women to develop as entrepreneurs, leaders, change makers, and community developers. Currently, Indego Africa partners with 22 cooperatives in Rwanda involving over 800 female artisans. It provides more than 300 classes, and in 2014 established a Leadership Academy for advanced business training. The Indego Africa model is both economic and educational. Economically, it helps bring artisanal products produced by the women to global export markets. J. Crew, Anthropologie, and Eileen Fisher are among the stores that have placed orders for these products.The educational component uses an interactive, business school approach, with a focus also on literacy and health. Almost all profits from sales, donations, and grants are used to fund the education and training programs, including the Leadership Academy, which provides more advanced training without charge. Women come from all over Rwanda to attend. A major goal is to improve the quality of life and to build the next generation of female leaders in Rwanda. The program also collaborates with health organizations, such as Vision for Health, to provide needed services for participants. Indego Africa has offices in Kigali, Rwanda and New York City. |

In 2008, the income women obtained from their participation in the cooperatives went toward basic necessities such as food and shelter. As sales increase, the women are now also able to use their income for aspirational goals, including education of their children, buying land and animals, etc.  For more information about the program and to order products on line, see the website at indegoafrica.org |
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| [50-50 Raffle - March 10, 2015](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1882/Stories/50-50-raffle-march-10-2015) *Posted by Eva Sereghy on Mar 12, 2015*  |
| **Rick Neldon** won the small pot of $28. The large pot has $28. |
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| [Visiting Rotarians and Guests - March 10, 2015](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1882/Stories/visiting-rotarians-and-guests-march-10-2015) *Posted by Eva Sereghy on Mar 12, 2015*  |
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| Visiting Rotarians:Jackie Armstrong, Annandale Rotary Club Visiting Guests:Lesley Arietti, Mabel Chu, and Martin Shaw (guests of **Michael Arietti**) |

 Patrick Smaldore (guest of **Lynn Heinrichs**) |
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| [Local Rotary Clubs Where You May Make Up Meetings](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1882/Stories/local-rotary-clubs-where-you-may-make-up-meetings) *Posted by  Jan Auerbach on Feb 17, 2015*  |
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| **Make Up Meetings at Local Clubs:****Annandale**Juke Box Diner, 7039 Columbia Pike, AnnandaleWednesday at12:15 PM**Arlington**Gates of Ballston Community Center4108 North 4th StreetArlington, VA**Ashburn**1757 Golf Club, 45120 Waxpool Rd, DullesThursday from12:00 PM - 1:15 PM**Bailey's Crossroads**Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads,3440 South Jefferson, Falls ChurchFriday at7:30 AM**Burke**Brion's Grille,10621 Braddock Rd, BurkeTuesday at7:30 AM**Crystal City-Pentagon**Crystal City Sports Pub, 529 23 St. ArlingtonWednesday at 7:30 AM**Dulles International Airport**Hilton Washington Dulles in the Cardinal Lounge, 13869 Park Center Rd, HerndonFriday at 7:30 AM**Dunn Loring-Merrifield**Shula’s in the Tysons Marriottt, Leesburg PikeFriday from12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | **Fairfax**American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street, FairfaxMonday at12:15 PM**Falls Church**Harvest Moon Restaurant,7620 Arlington Blvd, Falls ChurchThursday at6:30 PM**Great Falls**River Bend Golf and Country Club,375 Walker Road, Great FallsThursday from7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**Herndon**Amphora Diner Deluxe,1151 Elden Street, HerndonWednesday at7:30 AM**Reston**Hidden Creek Country Club,1711 Clubhouse Road, RestonWednesday at 12:15 PM**Sterling**Bungalow Lakehouse46116 Lake Center PlazaSterlingMonday at 12:15**Tysons Corner**Tower Club,8000 Towers Crescent Drive, ViennaThursday at 7:30 AM**Vienna**Westwood Country ClubWednesday at 12:15 PM |

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